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EVALUATING VIRAL

RECEPTOR/CO-RECEPTOR **USAGE AND INHIBITORS** OF VIRUS ENTRY USING RECOMBINANT VIRUS

ASSAYS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments. Applicants include herewith Appendix A, comprising marked-up copies of the replacement paragraphs, and Appendix B, comprising a copy of the claims as pending after entry of the instant Amendment.

AMENDMENT

In The Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

At page 1, after the title of the invention and before the sentence beginning "Throughout this application....", please insert the following paragraph:



This is a Continuation-In-Part of Application Serial Number 09/874,475, filed June 4, 2001, which is incorporated herein in its entirety.